

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT

Please amend the Abstract on page 33 of the specification as follows:

A spinal surgical prosthesis such as an artificial disc having a pair of ~~opposed~~ upper and lower plate members, a flexible disc support interposes therebetween and a rigid collar temporary stabilizer made of a bio-compatible and bio-resorbable material surrounding the flexible disc support between the ~~opposed upper and lower~~ plate members. Prior to the resorption of the collar temporary stabilizer, the collar prosthesis serves to provide stability to the flexible disc as ~~an inter-body fusion device~~ for enhancing osteo-integration of the prosthesis with adjacent vertebrae ~~during the healing phase following surgery~~. Subsequent to the resorption of the rigid collar temporary stabilizer, the flexible disc support provides flexibility and compressibility while maintaining the proper inter disc space and lordosis or kyphosis between adjacent vertebrae.